

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

To provide a cutting apparatus for a welding machine, which is less costly, at least one of each of upper blade portion ascending/descending guide units, a lower blade portion ascending/descending guide unit and an ascending/descending guide unit for holding a clearance between the upper and lower blade portions is used in common as a co-use ascending/descending unit out of the plurality of ascending/descending guide units. Also, there is provided a hydraulic drive unit normally depending upon the operation of the upper blade portion ascending/descending link unit and working as a drive source for the upper blade portion ascending/descending link unit when necessary, in conjunction with the upper blade portion or the upper blade portion ascending/descending link unit.